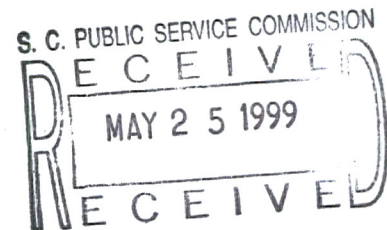




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May 20, 1999



The Honorable Gary E. Walsh
Executive Director
Public Service Commission of SC
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Approval of the Third **Amended Interconnection** Agreement
Negotiated by **BellSouth** Telecommunications, Inc.
("BellSouth") and **Interpath Communications**, Inc. pursuant
to Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act
of 1996.

Dear Mr. Walsh:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Interpath Communications, Inc. are submitting to the South Carolina Public Service Commission their amended negotiated agreement for the interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements, and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to Interpath Communications, Inc. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Act. The original agreement was filed on June 9, 1998 and assigned Docket No. **98-291-C.**

Very truly yours,


Gregg F. Morton

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**Amendment to Interconnection Agreement
by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
and Interpath Communications, Inc.
dated May 29, 1998**

This Agreement refers to the Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement") entered into by Interpath Communications, Inc. ("Interpath") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") on May 29, 1998. This Amendment ("Amendment") is made by and between Interpath and BellSouth and shall be deemed effective on the date executed by Interpath and BellSouth.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Interpath and BellSouth (individually, a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties") hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. BellSouth and Interpath agree to delete the table of Operational Support System (OSS) Rates contained in Exhibit A of Attachment 1 of their existing Agreement in its entirety and replacing it with the new OSS rates as follows:

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS (OSS) RATES	Electronic Per LSR received from the CLEC by one of the OSS interactive interfaces	Manual Per LSR received from the CLEC by means other than one of the OSS interactive interfaces
OSS Order Charge	\$3.50	\$19.99

In addition to the OSS charges, applicable discounted service order and related charges apply per the tariff.

2. BellSouth and Interpath agree to delete the following OSS Rate sections from the Pricing Section of Attachment 11 of their existing Agreement.

North Carolina	Section 10
South Carolina	Section 10

3. BellSouth and Interpath agree to rename the following sections of the Pricing Section of Attachment 11 of their existing Agreement from Electronic Interfaces to Operational Support Systems (OSS) Rates and to replace the language therein in its entirety with the language below.

North Carolina	Section 8
South Carolina	Section 8

Operational Support Systems (OSS) Rates

The costs associated with implementing the OSS electronic interfaces should be shared equitably among all parties who benefit from those interfaces. Rates for Operational Support Systems are set forth in Table 1. In addition to OSS charges, applicable service order and related charges apply per the tariff.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the date indicated below.

Interpath Communications, Inc.

Signature

L. L. Lenson

Name

EVP CTO

Title

4/30/99

Date

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Signature

Jerry D. Hendrix

Name

Director - Interconnection Services

Title

Date

5/13/99

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